

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office or complete a request card and place in the offering plate. Requests are printed for one month unless otherwise requested.

Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

Aaron Eddy, Sr.
Jean Thurmer (Cousin of Fred Cogelow)
Dorothy Caine
Emily Stern (Chuck and Karen Stern's Granddaughter)
Kent (Karen Stern's Brother)
Norm and Diane Tempel
Lori Green (Wife of Keith Green, Mother of Joanna Zuidema)
Richard Carver (John Carver's Brother)

Prayers for those Grieving:

The Family of Shirley Underdahl (Ruth Underdahl-Peirce's Mother)
The Family of Florence Retzlaff (Carol Aalderks Mother)

Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:

Rob Grunwald, Coast Guard, Duluth, MN;
Sam Husmann (Nephew of the Pastors) Navy, Everett, WA.
Peter Rampaart, Army National Guard

Prayers for the Church Here and Abroad:

The People of Occidente Presbytery, Guatemala;
Minnesota Valleys Presbytery- Union Presbyterian Church, St. Peter, MN;
Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake Reservation, ND.



Announcements

Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:45 AM	Adult Ed
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Turkey Dinner

Tuesday, September 26th

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM	Budget and Stewardship

Wednesday, September 27th

7:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM	Gospel Rock/ Confirmation
7:15 PM	Youth Group

Thursday, September 28th

6:30 PM	Music Team
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Sunday, October 1st

8:45 AM	Adult Ed
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship
5:00PM	Teacher Training

Operating Statement Report:

Receipts through August	\$ 156,644
Expenses through August	\$ 157,846
Expenses in excess of Receipts	\$ 1,202

Contribution Statements from the first six months are ready for pickup in the Narthex.

Music Ministry Survey: First Presbyterian Church is currently conducting the "2017 Music Survey." This survey is for everyone in the congregation, young or old, musician or non-musician. This is an online survey. If you have not received an email containing the link, add your email to the sign-up sheet in the church narthex. There is also a link on the church website as well. If you do not have access to a computer, paper copies of the survey are available.

Blessing Box: We are in need of more donations for the blessing box outside the church, we are very low. If you have any donations to give please bring by the box or to the church during the week or on Sunday!

Meals on Wheels

Thank you to all the people who delivered meals the last few weeks. We have signed up for routes C and D for the weeks beginning October 2nd and October 9th. It will certainly be cooler. We really appreciate your help in this local mission activity. Thank you!

Family Promise: We have three families upstairs right now! We are at full capacity and have a waiting list too!!

Family Promise Donor Dinner is October 14th. If you are interested in getting an invite contact Barb Little at 320-905-3854 or after worship today!

Willmar Area Senior Club: The Willmar Area Senior Club are celebrating 50 years with Back to the 60's Craft and Gift Bazaar Saturday, October 7th from 8-1:30 at the Community Center in Willmar.

American Red Cross: The United Methodist Church of Willmar is having a Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 from 1:00-7:00pm. Anyone willing to give blood is appreciated!!

Habitat for Humanity are hosting the Third Annual Raise the Roof Gala at the Glacial Ridge Winery in Spicer on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 5:30 pm. This is a major fundraiser with proceeds going towards the completion of their 2017 build projects. Advance registration required. For more information call 320-231-2704 or log onto habitatwcm.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Staff Appreciation Sunday is October 8th! Fellowship and potluck is after worship. Main course and beverages provided—sides and desserts needed please. All are invited!!



Peace & Global Witness Offering

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a universal peace. Jesus was here for a very short time, without the technology we have today, but the example was set for all of us to go forth and continue his Peace making. The Peace and Global Witness Offering, which was established in 1980, builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to peacemaking.

As which followers of Christ, our call to work for peace begins in our own hearts, and expands to our families, churches, neighborhoods, cities, states, countries, and extends to the ends of the earth.

As we prayerfully consider our Mission for this month, please consider these things: This Peace and Global Witness Offering supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church. From the Sudan to our own neighborhoods, our mission can deploy leaders and materials. This may be to help deal with important issues, from disagreements between members of session, to bullying at schools, to gun violence in our communities. It means using our seat at the United Nations to speak up for the vulnerable around the world. This offering will strengthen the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission.

Locally, this offering is for our local commitment to peacemaking and proclaiming Christ's peace. Twenty-five percent of the contribution is retained by our session, enabling us the freedom to provide support where we need it the most.

This offering sustains our witness in many forms and at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but all is bound together in Christ. Together we are a living proclamation of the peace we know in Christ and to work towards putting an end to hostility and speak peace to all, near and far.

We will share more information throughout the month of September. If you have any further questions please get in touch with the Mission Committee.